

HOUSE No. 1077

By Ms. Wolf of Cambridge, petition of Alice K. Wolf and others for legislation to suspend the use of the comprehensive assessment test as requirement for graduation from secondary public schools. Education.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PETITION OF:

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In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

AN ACT SUSPENDING THE USE OF THE MCAS TEST AS A GRADUATION REQUIREMENT.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Chapter 69, Section 1D is hereby amended in subsection (i)
2 after the second sentence thereof by adding the following:— Pro-
3 vided that satisfaction of the graduation requirements shall be sus-
4 pended until certain matters have been acted upon by the Board of
5 Education through regulation, including but not limited to, the
6 length of the test, its impact on special, vocational and bilingual
7 students, and the development of additional assessment instru-
8 ments. Any regulation promulgated by the Board of Education
9 concerning said reimposition of the graduation requirement shall
10 not be effective until it has been enacted by the legislature and
11 approved by the Governor. Furthermore, satisfaction of the grad-
12 uation requirements shall be suspended until the Supreme Judicial
13 Court determines that the commonwealth is fulfilling the constitu-
14 tional duty to ensure that an adequate public education is provided
15 in every school district.